

Do you realize that, when your spiritual leader inspires and uplifts you, free you from some type of trouble or hardship, you would be doing the right thing to thank him... to inspire him with your feeling of gratitude.

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These Men Will Discuss U.S. Foreign Policy—

“Will City Annex Site?” Oakland Hospital Asks; Gets Reluctant “Yes”

THIS and THAT

UN Force to Be Just A Political Idea

You know, of course, how people waited and lamented the fact that the United Nations organization failed to mobilize its international police force to support its policies against aggression. All along it had been argued that without such military strength behind it, it could never put down rebellion or war that started anywhere on earth.

Well, in the light of the unwillingness of the UN, through its most of the UN nations to put troops into Korea, plus their unwillingness to support the United China an aggressor in Korea, it may be just as well that the UN never did get an international police force.

FOR HAD THE UN A STRONG POLICE FORCE, MUCH OF IT WOULD HAVE CONSISTED OF AMERICA'S OWN MILITARY STRENGTH

Perhaps we in the United States should thank our lucky 48 stars and striped stripes for the fact that our military forces are concerned, we and we alone, are in command of them.

The President can recall them from Korea; he can, with the aid of the Congress, control so many of our soldiers, sailors and airmen will or will not be sent to Europe.

THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE, were the U.S.A. to dedicate a certain amount of its existing or potential military strength to controls exercised by the whim and caprices of a dis-united UN.

In brief, since the UN is not agreed among its own so-called democratic members on where, when and how to oppose aggression by Communist bloc, it is expected to use, for freedom, an international police force at its disposal.

Much as we hoped the UN would do a job for world peace, we are compelled to admit, on its own record, that it is lacking in necessary courage and wisdom to exemplify in action its high-sounding words and phrases. It is not a moral force; it merely is a political idea.

Foreign Policy Experts to Speak At Institute

This nation's foreign policy will be the discussion topic at the Community Council Institute at the Community House, Wednesday evening, Feb. 14.

The 6:30 dinner will be concluded with a talk by Blair Moody, Detroit News war correspondent and foreign affairs expert, on his Washington experiences.

The panel discussion will get underway at 8 p.m., as Moderator William Baldwin presents each of the eight authorities on foreign affairs. Each speaker will give a five-minute talk relating his own field to "The Great Debate on Foreign Policy."

THEN THE audience can start asking questions. Mrs. Richard C. Van Dusen will be "The Enquiring Citizen" and present questions set in advance.

Joseph Beaman will be "What Citizen Defers," and present questions. Among the questions are: "What is the U.S. role in the Korean issue, is the U.S. motivated by profit and power, or is it primarily looking for position in the world?"

Other speakers besides Moody are: Owen Cleary, Hail G. Army (retired), Thomas R. Reid, Eugene Hess, William H. Baldwin, Robert E. Ward and Alfred H. Kelly.

Washington administration has known that it would have to give some reason why it would not free those who were arrested by the Communists. It is not clear what the reasons are.

Many politicians do not know the difference between human freedom and the business of getting votes.

Looks as though this original spirit of freedom was being tried to make ice in a temperature of 80 degrees, instead of the 32 degrees required by Mother Nature," soliloquized Oakland Oshik the other day. "Only goes to show that happens when politicians monkey with natural laws."

So the UN has finally labelled, by a majority vote, Red China as an aggressor in Korea. But what will be done about chinning the Chinese Reds out of Korea, as the UN charter would compel it to do? That's another chapter in a book called "National Selfishness, or, How to Don't Do What We Said We Would." Ah, Genevieve, so cowardly are the leaders of some nations!

A few weeks ago quadruplet babies were born nearby Pontiac. Last week three sets of twins came into the confused world. There, too, "What We Said We Would" is a better sort of production record for a city whose industrial might in producing Pontiac Motor cars is nothing to overlook, either.

Torry School Named New Location for Precinct Five Voting

Location of voting booths for precinct five has been changed from the Bell Federal Home to Torrey school. The city commission approved the change Monday evening.

MISS HANLEY pointed out that Torrey school of Lincoln is a more central location due to the fact that a great many new homes have been constructed in the area south of Lincoln.

Will Outline Needs For Improvement of Recreational Areas

A long range capital improvement program for the city's recreational areas will be discussed at the February meeting of the recreation board, Chairman W. C. Galt, advised.

He will send this program to the board to be used in the health department.

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"Dog Tags" Soon

Dana Whitman, assistant city director of civilian defense, said Tuesday that local residents would begin to receive their dog tags this week. He said Lansing informed him part of the tags were ready for mailing.

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City Planners Propose Enlarged Shopping Area

Five in a series to familiarize citizens with the proposed Master Land Use Plan for Birmingham, now under consideration.

By GEORGE W. AVERILL

Key to the blueprint for Birmingham's future is a Master Land Use Plan now under study by the Birmingham Plan Commission and which, when adopted, will be the guide for future growth of the city for many years to come.

See Maps on Pages 2-3 of Section 3

A series of explanations of the plan has been held in grade schools in recent weeks to explain the plan, and a formal public hearing is scheduled for February 22.

Birmingham is not and should not be a copy of another city, the plan commission decided early in its studies. Birmingham, further more, should emphasize its residential character. Statistics may be found to prove a need for more or less business property, apartments and other classes of land use. Averages may be used as a guide.

But since Birmingham is individual in its character, the final land use pattern adopted must be based solely on local conditions.

Charles W. Barr, planning consultant employed by the plan commission to make preliminary plan studies, was guided in development of the plan by these points:

- 1) BIRMINGHAM CAN and should continue as an attractive residential city.
- 2) Development to the north, west and south of Birmingham will be for residential purposes and for industry to the far east.
- 3) Birmingham will grow as the commercial center for this large residential and industrial area.
- 4) A balanced development for family needs will require recreational areas within every section of the city.
- 5) A better economic balance will be obtained if the commercial area is expanded beyond the merchandising of household needs to counterbalance the lack of industrial space.

The proposed land use plan recognizes existing subdivisions, patterns, existing uses, desirability of consolidating the various uses rather than scattering them, and future needs.

Parents Participate in Unique Program Of Hearing Tests for School Children

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Birmingham will be the destination of some of the several hundred educators who will meet in Detroit Feb. 10-15. They will come here to observe our public school system's program of testing hearing and vision and the speech correction work.

Mrs. Harriet K. Kopp, speech correctionist for Birmingham said the work would be observed at Adams school some time during the five-day Detroit conference.

The hearing and vision testing program began six years ago under the guidance and sponsorship of the state department of health.

Since that time much support and financial assistance has been received from the Lions and Exchange clubs.

She went on to say, parents have taken an active part in the program. Many were trained by the health department.

"AS PART OF our total child-development program, an endeavor through our audio-visual survey plan to detect and treat limiting factors in hearing or

An Editorial

City's "Master Plan" May Affect Your Property!

This editorial is intended to alert certain property owners of Birmingham that, under state laws, the Birmingham plan commission may, by adopting the currently discussed master plan, place a cloud, or blight, upon their respective lands.

As you know, some time ago the city plan commission hired Charles W. Barr, associate-professor of urban planning at Michigan State College, to investigate the Birmingham area; to endeavor to foresee the possible future growth and needs of the community, and to create a master plan for the utilization of property.

This Mr. Barr has done.

Currently, the plan commission is holding public meetings, and if property owners wish the right to inspect the master plan and to offer suggestions and/or objections to that plan.

So far, only a mere handful of property owners has attended the plan commission's meetings.

THE CAUSE OF THIS, we believe, lies in the fact that property owners do not understand the extent of powers granted a plan commission to determine property use.

If you will review the plan commission's maps which are being published in The Eccentric, you will discover that future uses of land are set forth that change properties into playgrounds, recreation, school sites, commercial and industrial areas.

Under state laws, the plan commission, after adopting a master plan, must certify it to the county register of deeds and to the city commission.

The plan commission assumes that the plan, when approved, does not require the consent of the city commission or the voters. The plan, when approved, will be filed with the register of deeds, and office action will be binding not only on future thinking of the plan commission in its recommendations to the city commission, but also on unincorporated areas contiguous to the city.

Action by the city commission is required to activate any section or phase of the plan. Certain changes in zoning are already under consideration, to put into operation recommendations made in the plan.

IT IS ADMITTED BY MEMBERS of the plan commission and city attorney Forbes S. Hascall that adoption of municipal master plans in Michigan is a new civic venture.

Hascall says there are few court decisions on the legitimate powers of a plan commission to freeze future land use. In the meantime, he admitted, plan commissions could, by their wise, assumed legislative functions—even though later litigation upsets such action.

Birmingham's city commission is being made aware of the problems involved in the adoption of a master plan. Several city commissioners are determined to preserve local legislative functions to the city commission alone, as set forth in the state constitution.

In the meantime, The Eccentric seriously suggests to local property owners that they study the master plan proposals, attend public hearings of the plan commission, and finally contact their city commissioners with ideas on the subject.

FOR IT MUST BE REMEMBERED, should the plan commission adopt a master plan and certify it to the county register of deeds, such action will, in numerous cases, place a cloud or blight upon some properties—conditions that will require expensive litigation to clear up.

This comment is not intended to criticize either the plan commission or the city commission. Rather, it is for the purpose of acquainting local property owners with the need for close study and review of the master plan and its possible effect upon the future use and development of their properties.

City Cooperation Asked by Ice Carnival Group

Representatives of the Birmingham Ice Skating carnival committee appeared before the city commission Monday evening to ask the commission's cooperation in conducting the event this year.

The committee made these requests:

- (1) Have the fire department flood the eastern shoreline of Quenton Lake one night prior to the elimination of competitors and do the same prior to the carnival.
- (2) Provide two dozen 4-foot wooden posts, together with the necessary quarter-inch rope to mark off an area approximately 40 yards x 100.
- (3) Provide the necessary ribbons for the winners of the meet.

The commission appointed Commissioner Dean Beier to take this matter up with the city recreation board.

Plans call for the elimination of events Saturday, Feb. 17 and the carnival a week later.

Alfred D. Slinker, 295 Berwyn, is chairman of the committee and members of the carnival board of directors are Ken Whitlock and Leroy Commission.

Whitlock pointed out at Monday's meeting that last year there were 363 carnival entries.

No Serious Traffic Difficulty in Hills

Despite hazardous driving conditions Tuesday evening, there was no serious traffic difficulties in Bloomfield Hills, according to Police Chief L. C. Banks.

Chief Banks said there were no serious traffic accidents and there was some tie-ups in movement of vehicles by nothing serious. However, the police chief stated that heavy trucks had had difficulty climbing the steep icy pavements.